Ile finde a time to match you for this geare. *Exit.*

Iohn. Stay *Philip*, let him goe, the honour's thine.

Baſt. I cannot liue vnleſſe his life bee mine.

Q. Elia. Thy forwardnes this day hath ioy'd my ſoule
And made me thinke my *Richard* liues in thee.

K. *Phil.* Lordings let's in, and ſpend the wedding day
In maskes and triumphes, letting quarrels ceaſe.

Enter a Cardinall from Rome.

Car. Stay King of France, I charge thee ioyn not hands
With him that ſtands accurſt of God and men.

Know *Iohn*, that I *Pandulph* Cardinall of Millaine, and Legate of the Sea of Rome, demand of thee in the name of our holy Father the Pope *Innocent*, why thou do'ſt (contrary to the lawes of our holy Mother the Church, and our holy Eather the Pope, diſturbe the quiet of the Church, and diſanull the election of *Stephen Langhton*, whom his Holineſſe hath elected Arch-biſhop of Canterbury: this in his Holineſſe name I demand of thee?

Ioh. And what haſt thou or the Pope thy maſter to do to demaud of me how I imploy mine owne? Know ſir Prieſt, as I honour the Church and holy Churchmen, ſo I ſcorne to be ſubiect to the greateſt Prelate in the world. Tell thy maſter ſo from me, and ſay, *Iohn* of England ſaid it, that neuer an Italian Prieſt of them al, ſhal either haue tythe, tole, or Polling peny out of England; but as I am King, ſo will I raigne next vnder God, ſupreame head both ouer ſpiritual and temporall: and he that contradicts me in this, Ile make him hop headleſſe.

K. Phil. What K. *Iohn*, know you what you ſay, thus to blaſpheme againſt our holy father the Pope?

Ioh. Philip, though thou and all the Princes of Chriſtendome ſuffer themſelues to bee abus'd by a Prelates flauery, my minde is not of ſuch baſe temper. If the Pope will bee King of England, let him win it with the ſword, I know no other title he can alleadge to mine inheritance.

Card. Iohn, this is thine anſwer?

Iohn.

Iohn. What then?

Card. Then I *Pandulph* of *Padu*
poſtolike Sea, doe in the name of
ceſſor our holy Father Pope *Innoce*
curſed, diſcharging euery of thy ſ
fealtie that they doe owe to thee, a
neſſe of ſinne to thoſe or them wha
ry armes againſt thee, or murder th
and charge all good men to abhorr
nicate perſon.

Ioh. So ſir, the more the Foxe is c
if God bleſſe me and my Land, let t
lings curſe and ſpare not.

Card. Furthermore, I charge thee
all the Kings and Princes of Chriſt
vpon this miſcreant: and whereas t
with him, and confirmed it by oath
our foreſaid father the Pope, acqu
vnlawfull, being made with an He
Philip, do'ſt thou obey?

Ioh. Brother of France, what ſay

Phil. I ſay, I am ſorry for your
to ſubmit your ſelfe to the Church

Ioh. And what ſay you to our le

Phil. What ſhould I ſay? I muſt

Ioh. Obey the Pope, and breake

Phil. The Legate hath abſolu'd
Then yeeld to Rome, or I defie the

Ioh. Why *Philip*, I defie the Po
Falſe as thou art, and periur'd King
Vnworthy man to be accounted K
Giu'ſt thou thy ſword into a Prela
Pandulph, where I of Abbots Monk
Haue taken ſomewhat to maintain
Now will I take no more but all th
Ile rouze the lazie lubbers from th
And in deſpight Ile ſend them to th

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